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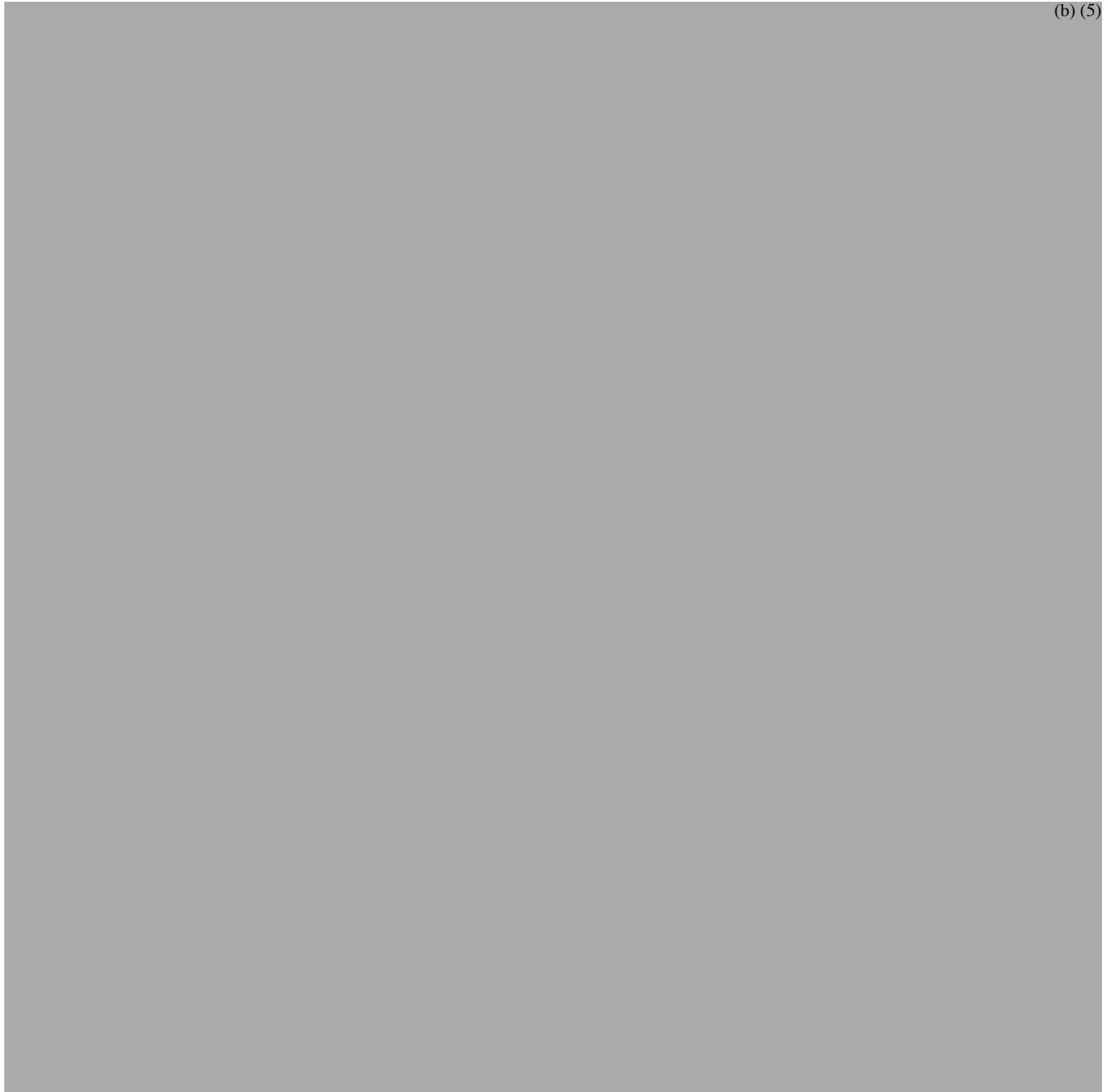


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Agree with Greg, I think it looks good, too.

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On Jan 27, 2020, at 6:25 PM, Folkers, Greg (NIH/NIAID) [E]

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As a place folder looks good to me.

+ Andrea who is the lead on a CoV talk ASF is giving on Tuesday

Also --- when talking about CoV (not necessarily in this venue) we have on our team (Vincent and folks we fund, Peter Daszak, Ralph Baric, Ian Lipkin, etc.) probably the world's experts non-human coronaviruses.

From David M -- EcoHealth group (Peter Daszak et al), has for years been among the biggest players in coronavirus work, also in collaboration with Ralph Baric, Ian Lipkin and others.

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Ralph and Peter are two of the main grantees that we are drawing on for this start up work. Thanks for sharing the summary David!

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Thanks david

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